

House Bill 310 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Smith of the 70th, Benfield of the 85th, Dobbs of the 53rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 12-8-36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state agency recycling and collection programs, so as to expand the state-wide recycling program for state agencies; to provide for legislative intent; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

The General Assembly finds that it is in the best interests of the state to encourage recycling and that state agencies can contribute to recycling efforts in a meaningful way. The General Assembly further finds that this Act is intended to be a part of the campaign to Make Georgia's Capitol Green.

SECTION 2.

Code Section 12-8-36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state agency recycling and collection programs, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) The Georgia Building Authority is authorized to establish and coordinate a state-wide recycling program for state agencies and to establish, engage in, contract for, or otherwise allow or arrange for a collection program for recovered materials generated as a result of agency operations, including, but not limited to, aluminum, ~~high-grade office~~ and steel cans, plastic and glass bottles, and all grades of paper, and including corrugated paper cardboard, and for the mulching or composting of yard trimmings. The Georgia Building Authority is authorized to establish procedures for the collection and storage of such materials from any property or building utilized by the state or any agency thereof and to enter into contractual or other arrangements for the transportation, disposition, or sale of such materials. Proceeds generated from such sale shall be used by the Georgia Building Authority for the purpose of offsetting the costs and expenses of administering and implementing the recycling program."

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SECTION 3.

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All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.